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The address that was: The House Next to the Tree in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — One of Deputy Mayor Hassan Hajara's favorite stories regards a Jeddah citizen who several years ago wanted to send a letter to a friend in another country. His only problem was that he didn't know what return address to give. After considerable contemplation, the man gave as his return address, the house next to the tree in Jeddah.

Although the desert still abounds, Jeddah has acquired a vast array of trees and parks to give the area a changing character. See story on page 2.



Dr. Hassan Hajara

Ties with Aden 'excellent'

North Yemen envoys meet

SANAA, Jan. 12 — President Ali Abdullah Saleh opened a conference of his country's ambassadors which will discuss national, regional and international issues and the proposed unification of the Yemen Arab Republic with the neighboring South Yemen.

President Ali said the purpose of the conference was to brief the ambassadors about the government's policy "at a time of important changes at all levels." He said his government's policy stemmed from positive neutrality and non-alignment, Arab solidarity and a commitment to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

President Ali who came to power in 1978 after the death of his predecessor, President Ahmad Al Ghashmi, said his country's relations with South Yemen were excellent. The two countries have pledged to "reunify" their peoples and territories as soon as possible. Committees at expert level set up to coordinate policies and programs and smooth away the differences that existed between the two systems of government, politically and economically. "The impediments that have arisen are being discussed by the committees," he said. On Sunday he sent his Unity Affairs Advisor Col. Hussein Al Dafni to Aden to deliver a message to President Ali Nasser Muhammad. No details have been given but it is believed to be related to the work of the unity committees.

Herzog briefs Sadat on Israeli politics

TEL AVIV, Jan. 12 (AP) — Israel's former ambassador to the United Nations, Chaim Herzog, briefed Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on Israeli politics last week after receiving an unexpected invitation to fly to Sadat's Aswan retreat. Herzog, a figure in the opposition Labor Party, was on a private week-long visit to Egypt with his Egyptian-born wife.

Herzog termed his hour-long talk with Sadat "fascinating," and called him "a man of great patience." He said they talked about the prospects of new elections in Israel and that Sadat reiterated his reluctance to include Jordan in Mideast peace talks prematurely. "I think he also wanted to hear an opinion from someone who is not an official," Herzog said. "He asked me to inform him on Israeli politics."

Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak, Egypt's first Deputy Premier Fuad Mubiedin and Anis Mansour, editor of the influential Egyptian weekly, *October*, were also present at the meeting. *October* magazine covered the meeting in its latest issue and called their conversation "wide-ranging" and quoted Sadat as saying, "I appreciate Herzog's comprehensive concept of the political problems between our two countries and of the Middle East."

Zia in Turkey Solidarity strengthens stability, Evren says

ANKARA, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — Twenty-one guns blasted and four American-made Phantom jets streaked overhead Monday afternoon to greet Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq who arrived in Turkey on a major Middle East tour in preparation for the upcoming Islamic summit. The Turkish head of state, Gen. Kenan Evren, met Zia at Ankara airport. He spoke of Turkish-Pakistani cooperation and the role they play in bringing stability to the region.

"The traditional solidarity and cooperation between our countries contributes to the stability of their respective regions," Evren said. In this turbulent period, our solidarity assumes an even more substantial significance than ever. I sincerely believe our talks will contribute not only to our common interests but also to the security of the region and world peace," Evren added.

Speaking in Urdu, Zia called for continued brotherly Muslim cooperation between Pakistan and Turkey. Zia's visit and the Turkish welcome were seen here as a sign of this NATO-member nation's continuing commitment to stronger ties with the Muslim world.

During Zia's four-day visit, he and Evren will meet frequently. They are expected to consult on the Iran-Iraq war and the Soviet presence in Afghanistan.

The Pakistani president was in Kuwait Sunday on the first leg of his journey that will also take him to Qatar and possibly to Bahrain and Oman.

Sources in Ankara said Evren hopes he and

Zia will be able to settle on a united position on issues at the Islamic summit which opens Jan. 25 in Saudi Arabia.

Before leaving Kuwait for Turkey, the Pakistani president had talks with the ruler of Kuwait, Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, on issues to be raised at the summit conference. Official sources said subjects covered included the Iran-Iraq war, Afghanistan and the Middle East, and bilateral relations.

The three-day summit was also raised at a meeting in Bahrain Monday between the ruler of Bahrain, Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, and Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam.

Khaddam, who flew to Bahrain Sunday night after visiting Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, was expected in Qatar later Monday.

King Hussein interviewed Region suffering from Kissinger

KUWAIT, Jan. 12 (R) — King Hussein of Jordan bitterly attacked former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger Monday and urged the incoming Reagan administration to keep him out of the Middle East. But in the same newspaper interview, the king praised secretary of state-designate, Alexander Haig, saying: "He is an honest, intelligent and capable person."

In the interview with the Kuwait newspaper *Al-Anba*, the king said: "I personally will be pleased to see that Kissinger is not associated with any new policy toward our region... we are still suffering from the disas-

ters and mistakes of Henry Kissinger."

He said he had refused to receive Kissinger during his recent private tour of the Middle East, adding: "The new administration continues to dissociate itself from Henry Kissinger and refused to give his tour any importance."

Dr. Kissinger is now in Morocco after visiting Egypt, Israel, Oman and Somalia. The king described the tour as inopportune, illogical and lacking in a sound objective.

"I felt that his aim was to bring Henry Kissinger back into the limelight... to convince the new administration that the doors of the Middle East are open to him and the destiny of the region is in his hands," the king said.

King Hussein was quoted as saying he expected an official invitation to visit Washington to meet President-elect Ronald Reagan. But he would not change his stand that only the Palestinians themselves could determine their own future by exercising their right to self-determination. Hussein was quoted as saying, "The king said there was nothing specific about his visit to Washington beyond 'what we heard that the U.S. President-elect has expressed a desire to meet me.' 'If I receive an invitation I will study it and accept it,' he added.

Hussein was quoted as saying he was optimistic and that he expected satisfactory developments during the new American president's term of office. "We advise the new American administration to refrain from being captive to previous American commitments... It has to reestablish contacts with other governments and people and then decide the policy it wants," he said.

King Hussein reaffirmed his support of the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole representative of the people of Palestine. He was quoted as warning that a new Israeli surprise attack with the aim of rescuing the government of Menachem Begin could not be ruled out. "This is a valid possibility which calls for vigilance and preparedness, he was quoted as saying.

In the wide ranging interview, King Hussein was quoted as saying he would present a plan at the forthcoming Islamic summit in Saudi Arabia "for protecting Jerusalem and its Arab character, defending it and letting the world know the Arabs will not relinquish a single particle of its soil."

He reaffirmed his support for Iraq in its war against Iran. Referring to the continuing detention of the 52 American hostages by Iran, King Hussein was quoted as hand-dishing this "un-Islamic." "I think there isn't a single Muslim who is prepared to defend this tragedy," he said.

Gold falls \$14 an ounce

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AFP) — The price of an ounce of gold fell \$14 here Monday on renewed hopes for an early agreement for the release of American hostages held in Iran. The price was quoted at \$563.5, \$14 lower than on Friday and well down on the \$600 level reached briefly last week when U.S. interest rates fell.

Meanwhile major London gold dealers Sharp's Fixley have commented in their latest review that "the strength at the end of 1980 was difficult to understand and we feel 1981 will begin with the price retreating."

The review added: "For the immediate

future, interest rates may continue their decline although we feel that this will hardly help gold as historically these rates in a general sense are still expensive."

It also said: "To the jewellery trade, gold remains very highly priced and demand must continue to lag."

In Zurich the metal traded at a medium \$571.50 down from \$579.50.

Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$572.18 down 4.18 from Saturday's close. Gold finished at \$576.00 in New York late Friday. Silver was quoted in London at \$14.80 an ounce, down from \$15.475 late on Friday.

Begin favors early election

TEL AVIV, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin came out Monday in favor of an early election, making it virtually certain that Israelis will go to the polls in June instead of November. Speaking to reporters after a cabinet meeting, Begin said "the tendency by most of the ministers was for early elections. This is also my position."

The prospect of a June election arose after Finance Minister Yigael Yizraeli resigned and took his three-man faction out of Begin's coalition, leaving Begin with no more than 58 seats in the 120-member Knesset.

Begin's ministers were to consult with their parties and convene for another cabinet meeting Tuesday or Wednesday to reach a final decision on elections.

The opposition Labor Party is favored by opinion polls to win the election, although the large percentage of undecided voters could still spring surprises.

Begin said it was too early to tell how the crisis would affect Israeli-Egyptian negotiations for Palestinian self-rule in the West

Bank. Looking tired, Begin came down the stairs from his office to talk to reporters for the first time since the latest crisis blew up.

Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin said "the general trend" in the cabinet was toward early elections, and "I believe the government will decide tomorrow (Tuesday)." It was unlikely that any of the parties in Begin's coalition would overrule their ministers.

This means elections will most certainly be held in the summer — probably June — instead of November as previously scheduled.

Another unknown in the complex Israeli political equation was the bribery case taking shape against Aharon Abu-Hatzeira, Begin's minister of religion. A parliamentary committee is to vote Monday next on whether to strip Abu-Hatzeira of immunity from prosecution so that he can be tried on suspicion of taking \$15,000 worth of bribes while in office. The trial could hurt his National Party, the traditional key coalition partner in Israeli governments, and also could damage Begin's prestige.



SUBPOENA: The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will subpoena a list of taped conversations between former President Richard Nixon and Alexander Haig, President-elect Ronald Reagan's choice for secretary of state. Sen. Charles Percy, chairman of the committee (l) and Sen. Claiborne Pell, looks over the subpoena prior to its delivery late Monday.

Africans meet in Lome Triki arrives in Ndjamena

PARIS, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — Ali Abdussalam Triki, Libya's external affairs secretary (minister), arrived in the Chadian capital of Ndjamena, Tuesday and immediately began talks with Chadian President Goukouni Quedde, Tripoli radio said in a report monitored here. The two men discussed "plots by France and colonialist and reactionary countries against the security, independence and freedom of the Chadian people", the radio added. They also discussed developments in Africa, it said.

The visit follows an announcement by Tripoli last Tuesday that Libya and Chad, a former French colony, had decided to work toward merging their two countries.

Meanwhile, African leaders are meeting in the Togolese capital of Lome for an urgent summit to discuss the proposed merger. Military sources in Paris said a buildup of

troop reinforcements in Africa was underway.

The current chairman of the 50-nation Organization of African Unity (OAU), President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone, had called the summit to discuss the concern over the merger plan.

Official announcement from Togo said 15 heads of state would be in Lome for National Day celebrations and would take the opportunity to discuss Chad.

It named the states as the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Cameroon, Sudan, Kenya, Benin, Niger, Congo, Central African Republic, Senegal, Guinea-Bissau and Chad. The announcement made no mention of Libya although a Freetown radio broadcast monitored in Ahidjan said President Staves had invited it to attend.

Bombs wreck nine U.S. jet fighters

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Jan. 12 (AFP) — A separatist movement called the "Machete Welders" has claimed responsibility for Monday's bombing attacks which destroyed nine fighter planes at a U.S. National Guard Air Base here.

No one was injured by the 12 explosions in which eight A7D Corsair training planes and an F-104 fighter were completely destroyed. Two other planes were damaged. The claim was made in a phone call to a news agency bureau here.

Damage is put at \$45 million, according to an official at the Muniz base, next to the island's international airport. According to police, the sabotage was extremely well-planned and it is believed the raiders might

have entered the parad base from the sea. The "Machete welders" claimed responsibility for an attack on a navy bus in Dec. 1979 which left two U.S. marines dead and 10 wounded.

The planes, standing 30 meters apart, went up in flames when the bombs exploded at the Base, next to the island's international airport. A big fire spread to nearby fuel stocks.

Thirteen months ago two U.S. marines were killed when a navy bus was attacked in Puerto Rico. Another bus was ambushed in March but no one was injured. A separatist movement claimed both operations.

Last week letter bombs were planted in San Juan postboxes and an extremist group claimed responsibility.

A pickup truck was also damaged by a bomb and a police bomb squad and navy explosive ordinance disposal teams found at least two other bombs that had failed to explode on other aircraft. An air national guard officer said the devices recovered were pipe bombs.

Police said a telephone caller had warned that there was a bomb on a Delta flight preparing to board at the international airport across the taxiway from the Muniz base, but a search of the plane found no bomb.

Lt. Gen. Orlando Llenza, the adjutant general for the Puerto Rico National Guard, said the U.S. Air Force would conduct a complete investigation.

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To produce two million trees

Jeddah to build plant nurseries

By Munir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — Jeddah Municipality is building a plant nursery capable of producing from two to three million trees annually, according to municipality officials Monday.

Jeddah Deputy Mayor Dr. Hassan Hajra told *Arab News* that the first phase of the greenhouse project has been completed and the second phase will be finished in two months. The nursery is being constructed at a cost of SR14 million.

"We eventually want people to be able to walk in shade," Hajra said. "Already they are getting used to driving so much, even to the point of driving just to go 100 meters," he added. The reason for this, he pointed out, is because of the hot sun. However, he added that with the addition of plants and trees, shade areas will increase and allow people to walk comfortably.

Hajra also said that when the plant nursery project comes into operation, it will meet municipality requirements for its planting goals, which had reached two million plants in the past two years. To date, the municipality has relied mostly on imports to boost its nursery inventories. The city grew 200,000 plants last year.

The new greenhouse project, located at Kilo 10, Mecca Road, will produce a variety of local and foreign plants. The structures provide an environment controlling heat, humidity and irrigation factors for the different plants. The first phase of the project was dedicated with the opening of the agricultural exhibition last week by Mecca Governor Prince Majed.

The municipality intends to plant two million trees per year in the future. Its prime target is to achieve the international standard of 10 square meters of greenery per individual. So far, two square meters for every person has been secured, according to Dr. Hajra. Six Saudi Arabian companies have been contracted to look after the trees.

In addition, the municipality has undertaken efforts to instill civic pride in the local residents, and to do this Dr. Hajra has brought

in different groups to work with tree planting weeks. During the last tree-planting week in December, about 50,000 trees were planted in 57 public gardens. The work was performed by students, national companies and municipality workers. About 6,000 students from 54 primary, intermediate and secondary schools in Jeddah worked with a scout troop, 40 students from Saudi's training institute and 40 explorer scouts from King Abdul Aziz University.

The week was supervised and organized jointly by the municipality and the Education Directorate. National firms also contributed

in the success of the week. Three companies provided buses to transport the students to work sites, four companies volunteered breakfast and soft drinks and 22 presented gifts for the students and municipality workers. The municipality also had distributed prizes to the participants in a ceremony that concluded the week.

Five private hospitals had 100 beds put on the alert to receive anyone with casualties or illness free of charge. Five companies donated about 8,000 nursery plants, in addition to 4,000 plants provided by the Agriculture and Water Ministry.

"The municipality doesn't allot any additional funds for tree-planting or cleaning weeks since companies volunteer the financial cost and students do the work," Hajra said. He stressed that such joint efforts help develop the sense of responsibility and awareness among the public. "The reason for singling out students is to have a generation that will respect and follow these habits. The lack of sufficient workers is on reason to engage the students," he added.

The agricultural exhibition, organized by the municipality, was the first of its kind in the Kingdom. Five national firms including Olwan, Khaled Nadeem, Al-Sattali and the Green House took part in the exhibition by providing plants, while the Arabian Gulf Plastic Co. provided the pots for the plants to be displayed. Attabudiyaya Central Nursery Plants and Seeds, of Tunisia, also participated in the show.

The exhibition is oriented to acquaint people with the various types of trees planted in the streets of the city, highlighting the municipality's efforts and introducing the national companies who provided some of the plants. The show was held at the 13-square kilometer Desert Gardens on Mecca Road.

Visas needed for Iraq

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — The Interior Ministry Monday called on all Saudi Arabians to obtain a visa for Iraq if they wished to visit that country.

The Iraqi government had requested the ministry to ensure that visas must be obtained in advance from the Iraqi embassy here. A similar request was made to all Arab governments with the exception of Jordan. Those already inside the country must obtain exit visas within 15 days of their arrival, the Iraqi government said.

Sultan chairs meeting

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — The Higher Committee on Manpower met Sunday evening under Prince Sultan, the defense and aviation minister and chairman of the committee. It examined studies relating to Saudi and expatriate manpower to draw up its policy line and adopt the necessary resolutions on labor in the country.

BRIEFS

SWCC office planned

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — A new central administrative office to supervise the smaller desalination plants in the Western Region will be set up soon here, according to the Director General of the Saline Water Conversion Organization branch office Abdul Aziz Nasif. The office will provide maintenance and supervisory services and will be staffed by Saudi Arabian officials.

University report released

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — There are 5,910 students and a faculty staff of 619 at the Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University according to its annual report published Monday. The student body increased by 2,540 over last year's number. The university also granted 1,082 scholarships. Its Science colleges had an enrollment of more than 15,000 students.

Taxi rules enforced

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — The traffic police have launched a campaign to arrest and penalize taxi drivers who violate the rules issued by Interior Ministry recently restricting the age in 35 years for drivers. The ministry issued a law last year banning those under 35 from plying taxis in order to encourage the younger men to join the public service.

Hospitals being constructed

RIYADH, Jan. 2 (SPA) — Governor Prince Salman said work was in progress on the construction of the five hospitals that are being built by the Islamic Welfare Society which he heads. He urged greater and more generous donations by the public to enable the society to complete its program in the time scheduled for it.

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INSPECTION: Prince Majed (right) and Rabigh Dhalan (center) tour Saudi Telephone's complex.

Majed inspects telephone complex

By Munir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — In accordance with King Khaled's instructions, Mecca Governor Prince Majed visited the Saudi Telephone complex here Monday as part of his inspection tour of government departments in the region.

The prince was received by Rabigh Dhalan, Saudi Telephone Jeddah district director general; Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi and other senior officials. Prince Majed inspected the divisions of the newly-built complex.

The complex has been built in an area of 100,000 and cost SR25 million. It was finished in ten months, according to Saudi Telephone officials. The premises accommodate the administrative and technical personnel, including the director general's office.

The administrative offices include the subscribers service department, financial department, personnel and line reservation and installation department. Engineering, construction, cable laying, maintenance, service order stores, a car repair workshop and a garage form the technical section. In addition, the complex has a sports and cultural club.

Prince Majed warned companies deliberately cutting telephone cables. He said maps available at the telephone department show exactly where cables are buried and more strict measures will be taken to prevent such deeds.

Jeddah has 72,000 telephone lines at present. Saudi Telephone has a plan to increase the figure to 98,000 by the end of this year. Coin telephone booths in the streets are also expected to reach 243 by the end of this year from the present figure of 193. The expansion activity is progressing at a pace of 3,000 telephone lines installed every month.

Jeddah district has 59 maintenance squads, and the rate of faults reported every day ranges between 120 and 200. Two vans, equipped with highly sophisticated electronic

COMMENT

By Samir Shamma
Al Medina

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The telephone department has done well to send bills to the post box numbers of the subscribers. The department of telex would render a better service if it also sends its bills to the post box address of the subscribers. Such a step would absolve subscribers of the responsibility of having to send someone to the department to collect their bills. It may perhaps minimize the department's problems too.

With these observations, we hope to see ideal services rendered to the people so they can thank the Ministry of Post, Telegraph and Telephones, expressing their appreciation for its laudable efforts in providing so many public facilities which have no parallel in many countries of the world, mainly the Arab world.

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Minister signs water contract

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh awarded a contract for installing water pipelines for Phase IV of Riyadh water expansion project. The contract, won by a Saudi Arabian company, is worth SR44.1 million.

Under the contract, the company will lay-down 209.5 kilometers of pipelines and 6,100 house connections. The money comes under the agriculture and water ministry's plan to connect water to all populated areas in Riyadh.

About 191 kilometers of the pipes will have a diameter of 110 to 160 millimeters, ten kilometers will be at a diameter of 300 to 600 millimeters and the remaining will be branch lines.

Production line bought

LONDON, Jan. 12 (LPS) — A comprehensive production line for the manufacture of plastic egg boxes and trays has been purchased for a new factory in Saudi Arabia from M.L. Shelly and Partners Ltd.

It comprises two vacuum-formers, two blanking presses, moulds and spares, and a complete sheet line. The vacuum-formers are free-standing, fast-cycle, in-line, fully automatic machines with two pre-heating stations, and are fitted with a metrol roll pre-feed unit. They can form up to 610 mm X 610 mm.

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Over 200 extremists rounded up in Turkey

ANKARA, Jan. 12 (AP) — In the largest roundup of terrorists so far, Turkish authorities arrested 204 suspected members of the ultra-leftist Dev-Yol group Sunday. Security officials said the organization was responsible for 25 political murders.

The arrests bring to 32,741 the number of terrorists and political extremists reportedly rounded up since the military took control of this NATO-member nation Sept. 12 — exactly four months ago.

Turkish security forces said the weekend crackdown on Dev-Yol (revolutionary way) began at Ankara's Hacettepe University with the arrest of M. Akif Akuzum, the alleged leader of the band's university wing. Authorities said Akuzum provided "valuable information" which led to further arrests.

Akuzum and three other arrested suspects were shown on Turkish state television Sunday night and appeared dazed and unable to speak coherently.

The sweep led from the university to the

New Theaters, a branch of the Turkish state theater, where hundreds of rounds of ammunition and several weapons were found concealed in the chandeliers, authorities said.

Next the forces captured the seven-man central committee of Dev-Yol, including the son of Osman Tayfun Mater, a former commander-in-chief of the air force.

The raids continued to Ahboz, a village near Ankara, where authorities said they discovered a list containing the names and addresses of all Dev-Yol volunteers. The authorities said they found a second list with the names of 3,000 intended Dev-Yol victims.

Many of the arrests occurred at legitimate Ankara businesses, which security officers said were paying for Dev-Yol operations.

Meanwhile, the authorities have detained Salim Bayar, the editor of *Hurriyet*, Turkey's largest daily newspaper, without specifying any charges, newspaper sources reported Monday.

Pakistan asks West to delay debts

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 12 (R) — Pakistan will seek major rescheduling of its development debts to cope with its balance of payments problems at a two-day meeting with major Western aid donors starting in Paris Tuesday.

The Islamabad government is hoping for an annual rescheduling of \$280 million, but the donor countries known as the Aid to Pakistan Consortium, are expected to set a

compromise figure of between \$200 and \$250 million, international aid sources said.

The 11 consortium countries, the United States, Britain, France, Canada, Belgium, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Japan agreed in principle to the rescheduling once Pakistan accepted the terms of a three-year, \$1.7-billion International Monetary Fund (IMF) extended facility in November last year.

Israeli security man killed in Gaza

DAMASCUS, Jan. 12 (R) — Palestinian commandos said they killed an Israeli security man in an ambush Sunday near Jabalia refugee camp, Gaza, and seized important documents he was carrying. A commando spokesman, quoted by the Palestine News Agency Wafa, said the security man was trying to pass the road leading to the camp when he was intercepted by the commandos and shot

dead. "They seized the weapon and certain documents he was carrying," the spokesman said.

Israeli troops and police surrounded the camp, searched it and arrested dozens of people on the pretext that they were connected with the operation, he said. He added that the commandos returned safely to base.

Soviet diplomat arrested in Egypt

CAIRO, Jan. 12 (AP) — Egyptian authorities have arrested a Soviet commercial attaché charged with spying and have ordered his deportation, the official Middle East News Agency reported. The agency did not give the man's name but said he had

established contact with an Egyptian government employee to obtain information.

MENA did not say in which branch of government the Egyptian was employed. It said full details of the incident would be published after the investigation was completed.

Progress in M.E. needed--Carrington

CAIRO, Jan. 12 (R) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington continued talks Monday with Egyptian leaders and later said it was essential that the faltering Middle East peace drive made progress in 1981. "Problems are crowding in on all of us and the pressures will continue to build up unless we

Carrington had talks with Vice-President Hosni Mubarak. Later Monday he was flying to the southern Egyptian town of Aswan for talks with President Anwar Sadat.



Dr. M.T. Mehdi

Dr. Mehdi urges U.S. to revise Mideast policy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (Special) — "The future of America is linked to the Arab world, not to the bankrupt Jewish state of Israel," Dr. M.T. Mehdi, president of the American-Arab Relations Committee has advised the Army-Navy Club here. He said America's policy toward the Middle East should be overhauled. "The United States policy during the last 30 years was in the interest of Israel and to the detriment of the American and Arab peoples," he said.

Mehdi said that American concept of "allies" needs a new interpretation. In the past, any foreign leader who claimed to be an "ally" of America received U.S. support. "But most such allies are not friends of America; they only use America for their own benefit," he declared.

He said "Israel is no friend of America." Indeed, the Jewish state is "a burden on America. It is an economic burden as it receives daily about \$15 million from the taxpayers. It is a military burden, in the words of a former chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff." And above all, Mehdi said, "Israel is a moral burden on America: It is morally wrong to help the poor Jews to occupy the land of the poor Christian and Muslim people of Palestine."

Mehdi urged that "American military aid to Arabs and Israel must be suspended and the money so saved (about \$20 million a day) should be spent in American itself to create jobs and build schools and hospitals."

Kyprianou meets Greek premier

ATHENS, Jan. 12 (R) — Cypriot President Syros Kyprianou met Greek Prime Minister George Rallis Monday to discuss repatriation of Greek-Cypriots displaced from their homes and jobs by the 1974 Turkish invasion. Greek Foreign Minister Constantinos Mitsotakis and Cypriot Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis attended the talks.

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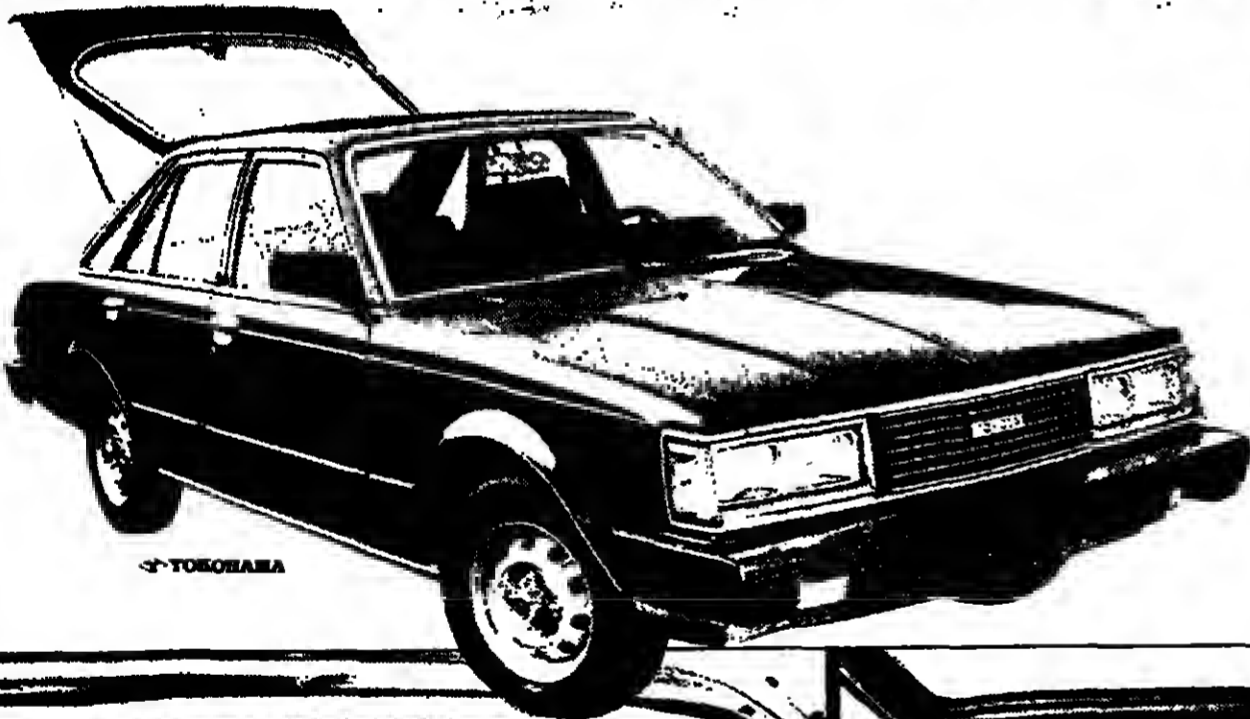
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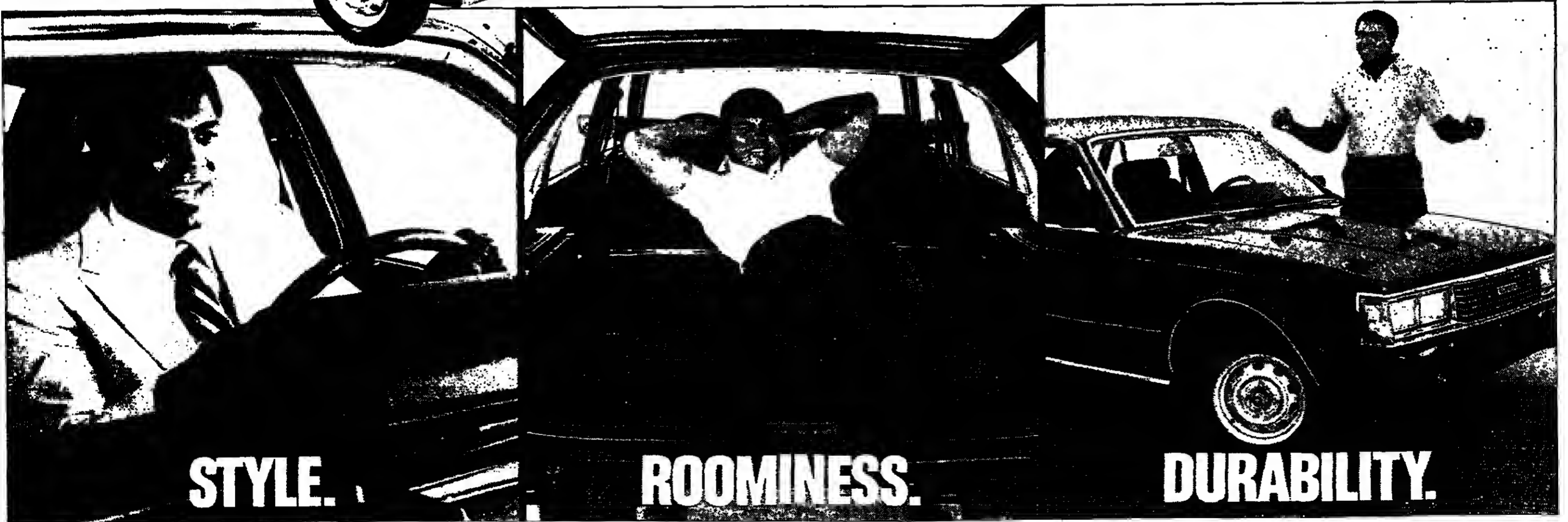
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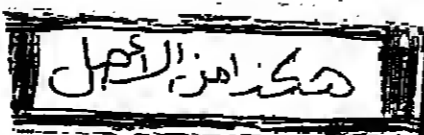
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Violence in El Salvador

Leftists hope to have own rule

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — Salvadoran leftists have said that a revolutionary government would soon be set up in El Salvador, but that the weekend guerrilla activity there was "not yet the final offensive." The Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front of five guerrilla groups said that fighting between insurgents and Salvadoran armed forces began Saturday and continued Sunday.

The guerrillas warned the U.S. not to intervene in the conflict. The Revolutionary Democratic Front of the opposition political groups announced the main lines which would be followed by "the future revolutionary government of El Salvador." In San Salvador, government leaders insisted that they had the situation under control, except in the town of Metapan, near the Guatemalan frontier.

The RDF communique said the "revolutionary democratic government will

be set up very soon" and that its main guidelines would include national independence from transnational forces, political non-alignment, support for private enterprise, religious liberty, and far-reaching reforms of the courts and the economic and social system." In San Salvador, acting archbishop Arturo Rivera Damas has said that "no one can govern El Salvador without taking the left into account."

In Mexico, the progressive bishop of Cuernavaca, Sergio Mendes Arceo, said no Christian could deny the legitimacy of the Salvadoran insurrection, and that if the Roman Catholic church tried to do so it would "risk losing credibility." A Salvadoran opposition communique distributed here claimed that its forces controlled the northern part of the country, and named towns it had taken over.

Despite a battle of communiqués, both the Salvadoran army and the opposition appeared to agree that the combat centered

around Santa Ana, the second largest city.

The Front said the garrison at Santa Ana had come under attack and a number of officers had crossed over to the rebels along with some troops.

The army said it had declared a round-the-clock curfew in Santa Ana — a more extreme order than the dusk-to-dawn curfew decreed for the rest of the country. The opposition's news agency, Agencia Salvadoreña de Prensa reported in Mexico City that guerrillas had besieged the Ilopango air base near San Salvador, cutting off military flight operations.

Flood havoc in Philippines

MANILA, Jan. 12 (AFP) — Nearly a month of downpours in four southern Philippine provinces have left some 22,000 families facing starvation and 5,000 families homeless, it was reported here Monday. Southern Philippine officials have appealed to President Ferdinand Marcos to declare a "state of calamity" in Agusan Del Norte, Agusan Del Sur, Surigao Del Norte, Surigao Del Sur and the cities of Butuan, Surigao and Gingoog, all in the eastern part of southern Mindanao island.

30 killed in Guatemala political violence

GUATEMALA CITY, Jan. 12 (R) — More than 30 persons have died in Guatemala in 24 hours ending Saturday in an upsurge of political violence, police said. Informed sources said the increased number of battles between police and leftist guerrillas could be related to guerrilla offensive in neighboring El Salvador.

Most of the victims died in two incidents in towns west of the capital. Hundreds of people died last year in political violence in Guatemala, where guerrillas are battling a government supported by rightist death-squads.

5 die in gas explosion

MARSEILLE, Jan. 12 (AP) — An explosion apparently caused by gas fumes rocked a 13-story apartment building Sunday night, killing five persons and critically injuring six others. It overturned cars parked outside and shattered windows in neighboring buildings, authorities said.

200 Indians die in cold

NEW DELHI, Jan. 12 (AFP) — Nearly 200 persons have died in cold wave in the last two days in the northern states of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat, it was reported.



DEAD GUERRILLA: Salvadoran government troops observe the body of a guerrilla killed in a firefight with an army patrol outside the town of San Antonio near San Salvador recently. (AP photo)

Seoul to hold elections next month

SEOUL, Jan. 12 (AFP) — South Korea's presidential election would be held next month, earlier than originally envisioned, President Chun Doo-hwan said Monday in a policy statement. He also said it was desirable to hold National Assembly elections one or two months earlier than planned.

Now that overall domestic stability had been restored, there was no reason to delay elections for the government of a new republic, the president said. Three months

ago, Chun had announced that the presidential election would be held in March and parliamentary elections in April or May.

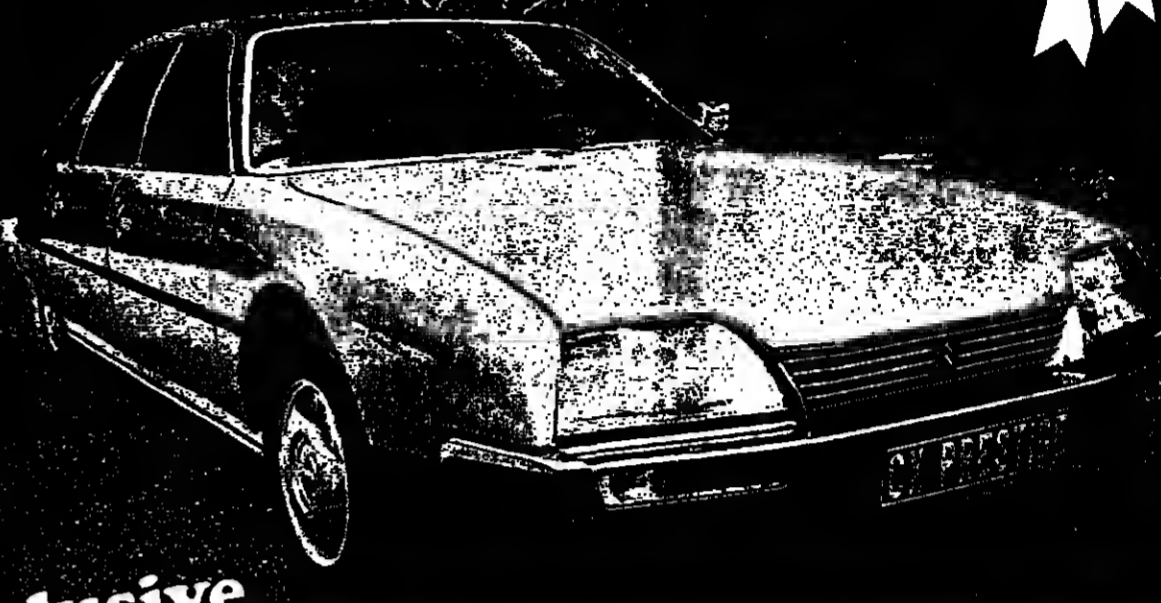
It is expected that Chun will be unanimously nominated as presidential candidate of his Democratic Justice Party at a party convention Thursday. Several other political parties, including the major opposition Democratic Korea Party are also planning to name their presidential candidates. Chun has given an assurance that martial law will be lifted

shortly to allow free elections. The martial law command has announced that all political gatherings will be allowed as from today.

In his policy statement, Chun said South Korea would pursue an independent diplomacy and a self-reliant defense policy.

President Chun also called on North Korean President Kim Il-Sung to come to Seoul to discuss peace and unification of the country.

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Haig's confirmation

Subpoena issued for Watergate logs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (R) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was to issue Monday its questioning of Secretary of State-designate Alexander Haig after issuing a subpoena for information relating to his year in the Nixon White House. The subpoena, signed by Chairman Charles Percy (Republican-Illinois) Sunday, calls for logs of about 100 hours of taped White House conversations in Watergate between him and the then President Nixon. Committee Democrats want to see if the logs are relevant to the inquiry into whether Haig, a retired army general, is fit for his present post. Haig was White House Chief of Staff during the Watergate crisis that drove Nixon from office. The subpoena could set the stage

for a legal battle that could continue long after Haig is confirmed in his new post by the Senate.

The Democrats agreed Saturday that they would not try to hold up confirmation while awaiting the tapes and the committee is likely to vote this week to recommend confirmation.

The majority Republicans want Haig confirmed by presidential inauguration day, Jan. 20.

Former President Nixon is opposing release of the information sought in the subpoena. Senate Republican leader Howard Baker of Tennessee said in a television interview Sunday that litigation might take "months or years."

Trial of Mao's widow

Peking court to award 'just sentences' soon

PEKING, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — The Peking court will shortly pronounce "just sentences" against Mao Tse-tung's widow, Jiang Qing, and nine other disgraced cultural revolution leaders, the *People's Daily* announced Monday. The trial, which began on Nov. 20 has been extended for 15 days with no indication of when the verdicts will be announced. All 10 defendants risk the death sentence. The Communist Party news paper emphasized the verdicts, when delivered, would restore the dignity of socialist legality and demonstrate the power of the people's democratic dictatorship before the children and grandchildren of the present generation.

After the sentencing of Chairman Mao's widow and the "gang of four," China will begin a second wave of trials, including the prosecution of Mao's nephew, well-placed Chinese sources said Monday.

Exact charges against the nephew, Mao Luxin, about 40, were not disclosed. He has been listed among 60 persons likely to face charges in connection with the frameups and persecutions of the 1966-76 cultural revolution. Not all of them will stand trial.

Mao's nephew, now believed to be in prison, was vice chairman of the revolutionary committee.

Zhao hopes relations with U.S. will improve

PEKING, Jan. 12 (AFP) — Communist Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang has affirmed that his country hoped to continue developing its relations with the U.S. and would judge President-elect Reagan on the basis of what he did after entering the White House, not on his statements during the electoral campaign. Zhao's comments were reported by Japanese House of Councillors speaker Masatoshi Tokunaga after he met with Zhao.

Tokunaga, Zhao said Sunday that the policies adopted by an American president were not always identical to his pre-electoral statements.

Zhao had sent a congratulatory note to Reagan on his victory expressing hopes that the Sino-American relations would continue to develop. Meanwhile, he stressed the need for his government to fight spiraling prices, which he said were due to China's economic policies in 1977 and 1978, Tokunaga said.

During those years, Chinese Communist party chairman Hua Guofeng, then prime minister, was responsible for the country's economic policies. Hua, who is expected to lose the party chairmanship, stepped down as prime minister last September.



LIGHTS OUT: A Utah Transit Authority bus driver stepped in to direct traffic at an intersection in downtown Salt Lake city (U.S.) Thursday during a statewide electric power outage that blacked out traffic signals. (AP photo)

Reagan to strengthen African links

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, Jan. 12 (AP) — President-elect Ronald Reagan has affirmed his administration's intention to strengthen U.S. ties with Africa in a message read to the closing session of the 11th African-American conference here.

advancing this mutual interest, American investment, trade, economic assistance and security-related support can play an important role," the message said. It was read to Africans and Americans from government, politics and business who have been discussing a variety of U.S.-African issues here. The message was seen as a hopeful sign by

African delegates, outgoing Carter administration officials and conference organizers who had privately deplored the absence of any Reagan representative at the gathering.

African government officials here have privately expressed concern over what they feared could be a change in American policy,

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El Salvador's game of brutal killings

By Karen Deyoung

WASHINGTON — The slaying recently of land reform director Rodolfo Viera has removed one of the few remaining figures in El Salvador's teetering government with any claim to popular support or contact with the country's vast majority of poor peasant farmers. Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte has said he believes extreme rightists killed Viera, along with U.S. advisers Michael P. Hammer and Mark David Pearlman, as they sat finishing dinner in the restaurant of the San Salvador Sheraton Hotel. As usual following the brutal slayings that are now a daily occurrence there, others have blamed leftist guerrillas. But regardless of who pulled the trigger, it is clear that the target was Viera and the peaceful road to radical reform he represented.

Viera, a rough-and-tumble man who prided himself on the fact that "I started to work the land when I was 9 years old," was a peasant leader who chose to work within the system, while others long ago turned to revolution as the only hope for change in El Salvador. "A leader in the cemetery doesn't do anybody any good," he said in a 1979 conversation I had with him.

"Nobody can work here if there is no tranquility, no peace," he said as others called the Salvadoran masses to insurrection. "If there is no work, there is hunger, and hunger is a bad political adviser."

Viera's presence as head of the Salvadoran Agricultural Transformation Institute gave that much-attacked organization — the focus of U.S. hopes that redistribution of wealth can avert a leftist takeover — one of its few vestiges of political and popular respectability.

Yet, just before his death Viera, too, was ready to join the scores of Salvadoran leaders who have given up on peaceful change. In the face of military repression against land reform employees and peasants, as well as government efforts to thwart the reform program by refusing to turn over land titles to new peasant owners and blocking needed loans to peasant cooperatives, friends reported, he had decided to resign.

Viera had been the target of at least five assassination attempts. His enemies included the extreme right, the left and many in the government for which he worked. In many ways, Viera was for years a pivotal figure in the bloody tangle of Salvadoran politics.

Before joining the government last March to direct the agrarian reform, Viera headed the Salvadoran Communal Union, which he said had more than 150,000 members and ran dozens of peasant cooperative farms. The union was started in 1971 with the help and funding of the American Institute for Free Labor Development, an AFL-CIO affiliate, and in 1977 it was recognized by the former rightist military government as a legitimate representative of El Salvador's peasants.

Viera claimed to be under no illusions about the repressive character of El Salvador's past and present governments. But, he said in 1979, his way of doing things had gotten results. The peasant cooperatives existed. "We believe there is a way to exert pressure without violence," he said. "Why do people have to die for change?"

Other peasant groups, such as the Popular Revolutionary Bloc led by doctrinaire leftists and student idealists, "want a popular government, and so do we," he said. "But if we went out in the streets, got involved in politics, (the military) would cut off our heads."

When a group of ostensibly progressive military officers overthrew the rightist government on Oct. 15, 1979 and formed a junta with left-of-center civilians, Viera gave it tacit support. The left charged he had sold out to the right, the rich and the United States. That government and a later one fell apart amid charges of continuing military repression and human rights abuses.

Seeing his hopes for controlled, peaceful change and the defusing of the appeals of the left dying, the United States and remaining moderates within the government hurriedly pushed through a long-announced plan to expropriate large landholdings and redistribute them to the poor — the biggest non-Communist land reform in Latin American history. Viera was tapped to head the program. Hammer was brought in with other U.S. advisers to help him.

For a few months, Hammer said in an interview here four weeks ago, the program went well. But by December, when Hammer said he had come to Washington to warn Ronald Reagan's advisers that Viera was about to quit, it was largely stalled. (WP)

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China likely to slow 'modernization'

By Brian Eads

CANTON — The winter skies are leaden but sunglasses, with Western labels intact, are *de rigueur* these days for the well-dressed man about southern China. It's one way of giving a rosier hue to life in the "modernizing" People's Republic.

For the mercies of modernization are small — the opportunity to engage in small scale commerce (after state quotas have been met), the chance to invest in a permanent wave at a roadside hairdresser, buy Max Factor cosmetics or instant coffee at the "Friendship Store" (if you have the foreign exchange certificates), or to battle against "Space Invaders" in the games room of the Dong Fang Hotel.

A good night out, in the estimation of my earnest young guide, could be a trip to the library, a game of basketball, a walk in the park, or a trip to one of Canton's 57 cinemas. Twenty-one are showing *Death of the Marshal* — death under the Gang of Four; 19 are showing *The Traitor* — persecution under the Gang of Four.

In the countryside, commune leaders say simply: "we now have freedom to work for ourselves and make money."

At Renho, an agricultural commune of 76,000 people 15 miles north of Canton, the state has abolished quota requirements for vegetables, sugar-cane, fruit and fish, and given the management committee the right to dispose of rice, pork and peanut production in excess of state quotas as they see fit. They sell on the "free" market.

The commune offers cash loans, at 4 per cent interest per annum, for families embarking on private enterprise, and peasants now earn about \$50 of their \$250 a year cash income from private work. At

end next year, it is likely to be even more slowly in future. The significant emphasis is, and will be, on direct foreign involvement in economic enterprises, and here the three special economic zones of south China, one bordering Macao, a second bordering Hong Kong, and a third to the east in Fujian Province, are vital.

The Shen Zhen municipality bordering Hong Kong's New Territories is the most ambitious. The broad plans were finally approved by the standing committee of the National People's Congress in August, and foresee transportation networks, light and heavy industry, residential blocks and, eventually, a nuclear power plant.

Senior officials tacitly admit that without foreign investment and involvement the plans are doomed. Whether foreign and overseas Chinese businessmen and manufacturers bite should become clear during the next 18 months when much of the infrastructure and factory buildings will be complete.

Among those already engaged, the experience is mixed. One Hong Kong Chinese manager complained that construction was six months behind schedule, that workers were lazy and impossible to dismiss. But at a woollens factory, labeling their output "McGregor sportswear", a Hong Kong company has provided equipment, training and raw materials, is paying workers 70 yuan, about \$40 a month, less than 20 per cent of the Hong Kong salary, and has slashed its costs. It can also dodge export quotas.

On this level, China has recognized the merits of stemming the illegal exodus of cheap labor to Hong Kong; better keep it at home and have the industry and the income come to you. But officials refuse to be drawn on the political implication of what, in Canton's eyes, should become a creeping economic integration with Hong Kong.

NEW FRONT IN GULF WAR

Reports of the Iran-Iraq war indicate that what the Iranians called their "general counteroffensive", is rapidly running out of steam, having scored no discernible gains. The attack, in any case, was on a relatively narrow front and thus proved containable by the Iraqis who were prepared for it. Its timing was also taken to have been dictated more by the internal squabble in Iran between the presidency and the ruling Islamic Republican Party representing the country's clergy.

Iran, in fact, appears now in a worse position militarily than was the case before the "general counteroffensive." Its effort has been repulsed at a reportedly heavy cost in the southern and central sectors of the front, while the Iraqis took the opportunity to open up a new front in the north, where they have advanced more than 16 kilometers into the mountainous areas of Iranian Kurdistan.

The fighting in this area — the triangle where the Iranian, Turkish and Iraqi borders meet — is reported to have been fierce, with the Iraqis using methods different from those used in the south, where they relied heavily on armor and heavy artillery. The brunt of the fighting in the north seems to be borne by the infantry, who are said to be supported by the Kurdish inhabitants of the area spanning the borders.

The new front brings the war to a politically explosive part of Iran. Kurdish autonomists are still under arms, skirmishing almost daily with Tehran's Pasdaran or Islamic Revolutionary Guards after the inconclusive fighting last year. The Kurds will therefore look at the Iraqi incursion as affording them the chance to renew and intensify their campaign for autonomy.

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In a lead story, *Al Medina* reported that Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdó Yamani were to hold a press conference Monday to speak on current issues with special reference to the Islamic summit conference to be held in Mecca. *Al Nadwa* headlined the receipt of a message by King Khaled from Syrian President Hafez Assad on the summit conference and prevailing Arab situation. *Al Bilad* carried as its lead story statements of the ambassadors of some Islamic states who expressed their enthusiasm and happiness over the summit being held in Mecca. *Al Jazirah* capped its front page with a story on Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq's tour of the Gulf states to discuss Islamic issues.

In a front-page story, *Okaz* quoted the Moroccan ambassador in Jeddah as saying there were no signs of an accord between Morocco and Algeria on the Sahara issue. *Al Jazirah* frontpaged Egyptian and Sudanese denunciation of the Chad-Libyan merger and said President Sadat had threatened to intervene to protect Sudan in case of emergency. The arrival of Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam with a message for King Khaled from President Assad was prominently reported on the front pages of the Kingdom's newspapers.

Newspaper editorials continued to comment on the Islamic summit and Saudi Arabia's efforts to clear the atmosphere and to bring the conference to success. Some editorials discussed the developments in the Palestine issue and the increasing attention it is

receiving from many countries. *Al Jazirah* said in an editorial that Muslims all over the world pin great hopes on the summit and are confident it would successfully end mutual rifts and pass resolutions at the level of the threats being faced by the Islamic world. It hoped the conference would provide a turning point for Muslims to adopt a right and serious course so they can restore the glory of Islam under the umbrella of the Book of God and the Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad. Meanwhile, the paper appreciated the favorable response shown by many leaders of the Islamic states to the Kingdom's invitation to attend the conference.

On the same subject, *Al Bilad* observed that a favorable response from the leaders of Islamic states reflects the Islamic spirit so desperately needed to boost the Islamic activity. It said the Kingdom's assistance and support for the conference form part of Saudi Arabia's policy toward progress, stability and development. The paper added that the Mecca summit would provide a firm base for political, economic and diplomatic activities of the Islamic world. The whole world, it said, is aware of the gigantic responsibility Saudi Arabia bears toward the Islamic issues, and also knows how much it exerts efforts toward the realization of the cherished objectives of Muslims of the world.

Discussing the Islamic summit, *Okaz* noted that the conference would determine the volume of energy the Islamic states would have to employ in order to interact with each other and to give a solid confronta-

tion to the challenges they are facing. The crossroad on which the nation stands at present, surrounded by heretic elements and colonialist forces, make it indispensable for the leaders of the Islamic world to meet in the conference and work for the restoration of the usurped rights of the nation.

Al Medina recalled the conspiracies the Islamic nation has faced through the centuries and how Muslims have crushed many ideological, social and military plots prepared by the enemies of Islam. The paper referred to the Soviet and Zionist activities against the Islamic states and urged Muslim leaders to get united and to work to protect the lives and honor of Muslims everywhere. This, however, cannot be achieved unless Islamic solidarity is made a tangible reality, it added.

Al Nadwa denounced the dubious campaigns launched by malicious elements against the Arab and Islamic world. It said these elements are conscious of the risk the Islamic unity would entail upon their hostile plots, and so they are trying to weaken the Arabs and Muslims.

On the other hand, *Al Riyadhi* commented on the increasing support for the Palestine issue at the international level, and highlighted PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's projected visit to Tokyo. The paper gave prominence to the significant role Japan plays in world politics and economy, saying the Palestinian-Japanese meeting at the highest level would bring about proximity in the views of the two parties.



Floundering fish industry reeled in by Kingdom

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — Eight months have passed since a joint report by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and the British White Fish Authority warned of a dying fishing business in the Kingdom. Yet, in that time efforts to revamp the industry has produced taog-blic results.

The latest action came Saturday when Saudi Arabian Fishing Company officials signed an agreement to equip four large fishing vessels for the fleet's first operations. The operations will take place in territorial waters in the Arabian Gulf. The agreement stipulates the company as marketers of the catch.

In April, 1980, King Khaled approved the establishment of a semi-state company to develop the Kingdom's offshore resources. The move came in response to a joint report that said without state action fishing could "cease to be an effective food producer" in five years. Researchers found the younger generation to be drifting away from the livelihood of their father; unsophisticated equipment and primitive vessels were not even fishing the richest waters of the Gulf and the Red Sea; poor handling and distribution methods were confining consumption to coastal areas.

The fishing industry represents 13 percent of animal protein consumption in the Kingdom, but one-half of that is provided by canned imports. Earlier reports estimated there are about 3,250 fishermen in the Red Sea and 1,500 in the Gulf. They work 2,580 boats powered by sail or oar in the Red Sea and 300

motorized dhows, mainly in the Gulf.

Dr. Nasser Al-Saleh, director-general of the agricultural development at the Ministry of Agriculture and Water and the ministry's representative on the board of the Saudi Fishing Company, told *Saudi Business* magazine earlier that the government decided to go ahead with the venture after it came to the conclusion that the Kingdom's fishing industry "needed high technology and aggressive planning."

The company is to cover the whole process of getting the fish out of the sea and to the housewife. Onshore, it will establish facilities for taking and marketing its catches. Eventually its fleet will go into joint ventures with international companies. In early September fishing company officials announced that a SR30 million share offer had been oversubscribed seven times. Saleh said more than 16,000 applications from Saudi nationals had been received by the closing date and the company was working on plans for allocating shares.

The Saudi Arabian government will add SR40 million capital, and the 10 founders will supply the balance. According to Saleh, the company's purpose is two-fold: to improve the over-all performance of Saudi fishing by its own fleet and marketing facilities, but also to improve the performance of traditional fishermen through the force of organization and example.

The company's first base will be at Jubail, with a second stage of development covering the Jizan area. Eventually Jeddah will be set up as the third base.



The old Town Hall in Frankfurt
In West Germany

Ancient castles a burden for owners

By Harry Trimborn

GOEPPINGEN, West Germany (LAT) — For the price of a two-bedroom bungalow in Santa Monica, Calif., you can buy a 50-room castle in West Germany complete with stables, six-car garage, tennis courts and a garden so big it is called a park.

And if you shop around long enough you may be able to pick one up for nothing — like Castle Uogen, 30 miles north of Frankfurt, which was presented as a gift by its aristocratic owner to 10 young men and women living in the area because he could no longer afford to maintain it.

Or, if you are not in the market to buy, how about renting a castle for as little as 50 cents a year? Such symbolic payments are part of an effort to save, through various incentives, West Germany's dwindling number of salvageable old castles, fortresses and other historic buildings from falling into ruin.

And there's the catch. The prospective buyer or renter and those who receive them as gifts must agree to renovate and maintain the castles. And that can cost tens of thousands of dollars a year. State and local agencies for preservation of historic sites help ease such burdens through tax deductions and grants for renovation work. Retired opera singer Hermann Hecher-Schypck, for example, paid more than \$500,000 to renovate Castle Rheinstein, with the monument co-ownership office of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate footing about one-fourth of the cost.

Still, even with such aid, the cost of renovating and maintaining castles is enormous. Consider the cost of replacing or repairing a castle roof whose area is measured in acres, rather than square feet. Then there is the problem of installing modern plumbing and kitchens, and the fact that the enormous rooms of castles would require tons of coal or oil to heat in winter.

Some owners have resorted to desperate measures to prevent their castles from crumbling into ruin. Several years ago, Prince Friedrich Wilhelm Zu Wied, son of one of

West Germany's noblest old families, set fire to his Rhineland Palace, Monrepos, because he could no longer afford it.

Last year, the main theme at a convention of the International Castle Institute at Lake Constance, on the West German-Swiss-Austrian border, was the staggering costs of castle upkeep. As one delegate put it, "the taxes, the upkeep, the repairs are going to turn me into a charity case."

"Most people think we are members of some privileged elite living in a dream world," complained Marquis De Amodio, president of the institute, which represents 100,000 members in 13 countries. "In fact, we are more an oppressed minority living a nightmare."

Yet many still continue to believe in the dream of castle ownership, according to Juergen R. Rilling, a pipe-smoking, 34-year-old real estate agent and building contractor who specializes in the sale or rental of castles and other historic buildings in West Germany and elsewhere in Europe. "For desirable buildings, business is very good," Rilling said in an interview at his office in Goepfingen, an industrial town 35 miles southeast of Stuttgart. "We have more clients than we can handle for the good buildings."

There are about 15,000 castles, palaces, fortresses and other historic structures in West Germany dating back to the Middle Ages. They are a legacy of the time when Germany consisted of as many as 1,600 kingdoms, baronies, duchies, free cities and other principalities, each with an imposing residence or fortress for their rulers.

Today, according to Rilling, only about 2,000 of the historic buildings are fit for renovation, and only about 300 of these are now in good condition. Rilling said his firm, called Thermo Steinbau, has about 150 castles for sale or rent, about half of them in West Germany, the rest in France, Austria, Britain and Italy. Only about 10 per cent are for rent, with some requiring only a token rental fee — along with a commitment to renovate and maintain them.

Many of the clients are wealthy Germans on a nostalgia kick or who want the prestige and aristocratic trappings that castle ownership brings.

Rilling also provides a service for those who want the prestige but who do not have the desire or the opportunity to live in a castle. He rents castle addresses for \$100 to \$200 a month, depending on the status of the castle involved.

Most castles are much too large for a single family, so many of them are split into apartments. Several years ago a real estate developer turned Castle Cassparbroich in Duesseldorf, a magnificent 15th century fortress, into 30 apartments equipped with modern kitchens and bathrooms. Occupants have common use of the knights hall, reception rooms and 10 acres of landscaped gardens. Others buy or rent two or three rooms in castles in remote areas as vacation retreats.

Aristocratic castle owners, strapped for money, are always searching for ways to pay the bills. Members of the International Castle Institute have developed the "guest in the castle" program in West Germany as a means of revenue. This consists of a group of about 50 castles that provide hotel and restaurant accommodation for travelers. Yet the effort has not been entirely successful. Eormous costs are involved in turning the primitive amenities of a castle into a modern hotel.

The imposing Hachenburg Castle, about 40 miles west of Bonn, went bankrupt in 1975 after it was turned into a hotel. The German Federal Bank bought the property and is now spending millions to convert it to a training center for bank employees.

Other castles have been turned into museums. Entrance fees for both the castle museums and the private castles opened to the public help to defray upkeep costs. One of the conditions for tax relief and grants for renovation is that castles be open to the public for limited periods. Other castles have been turned into youth hostels, orphanages, old age homes, government office buildings and other facilities.

Kenya faces worst ever crime wave

By Alastair Matheson

NAIROBI, Jan. 12 (ONS) — Kenya is experiencing its worst crime wave ever in its remote frontier areas as it struggles to meet one of the gravest food shortages in living memory in the wake of a prolonged drought. The lawlessness has affected such widely separated places as Uganda's Karamajong district bordering western Kenya, the Somalia frontier in the northeast and many parts of Kenya's southern border with Tanzania, where police have had to call in game rangers and anti-poaching patrols to help repel raiders.

Many of the acts of banditry are acts of desperation by groups of starving nomads, but others are merely part of the way of life among warrior nomads who eke out their existence by stealing cattle, unconcerned with national boundaries.

The Kenya government is taking an extremely grave view of one of the most recent raids from Tanzania in which, the Kenyans claim, Tanzanian soldiers were also involved. This well-organized cattle raid, in which some 700 animals were seized, took place last month. Kenyan security forces ambushed the raiders some 20 miles inside Kenya at the Telek river in the Mara game reserve. In the fierce gunfight, 22 Tanzanians were killed. The rest escaped back into Tanzania.

Some of the dead wore army uniform and had automatic weapons, including Chinese machine-guns and army equipment which the Kenyan police put on display at Marok police station. A strong protest note was delivered to the Tanzanian government calling for a halt to such raids.

While admitting that Tanzanians were involved in the latest raid, the Tanzanian government denied any involvement by its troops. Later the Tanzanian Home Affairs Minister, Brigadier Mubuyidini Kimariyo, pointed out that such raids were two-way affairs: often the Tanzanians crossed into Kenya to recover cattle which Kenyans had stolen.

One Kenyan official claimed the Tanzanians were making a deliberate attempt to disrupt Kenya's booming tourist trade. There have been several recent cases in which tourists viewing game in the Mara reserve have been harassed by Tanzanians in military uniform. Some months ago a busload of tourists were abducted and forced to walk several miles back into Kenya. It is now thought that the uniformed raiders killed belonged to the Tanzanian part-time militia, Jeshi La Mgambo. The militia are not regulars but have access to army equipment and weapons.

Kenyans are complaining of acute shortages of their staple food, ground maize. At Isihara, on the eastern slopes of Mount Kenya, villagers recently seized a lorry load of maize flour and forced the driver to sell the contents in the local market at government-controlled prices.

There have been other reports recently of armed bandits hijacking a bank vehicle laden with bank notes on its way from Meru to Nanyuki. A bus was machine-gunned on the road between Nairobi and Mombasa.

Smugglers taking maize, rice, sugar and other scarce commodities across the borders to Sudan, Uganda and elsewhere are becoming more and more daring when intercepted by police patrols. In the latest crackdown on smugglers and food hoarders, President Daniel Arap Moi introduced a bill providing corporal punishment for convicted men or women, as well as mandatory jail sentences.



A NIGHT'S CATCH: Sharks caught from the Red Sea lie on the deck of Saudi Fisheries research ship Ibn Magid.

New York gains in population shift

By Lee May

WASHINGTON, (LAT) — The census bureau has officially put the United States population at 226,504,825 in a state-by-state breakdown that showed a major shift away from the industrial northeast to southern and western states.

Although numerous court challenges to the bureau's 1980 count are pending, the tabulation unquestionably signaled a major shift in the makeup of Congress. As it now stands, there will be a shift of 17 house seats mostly from eastern to sunbelt states.

The figures also mean that 11 states will gain seats and 10 will lose. California stands to gain two seats, giving the state's 23,668,562 residents — compared with 19,975,069 in 1970 — a total of 45 representatives in the U.S. house.

The biggest gainer under the new count was Florida, whose four additional seats will bring its total to 19. Texas gained three. Gaining one each were Arizona, Colorado, New

Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and Washington state.

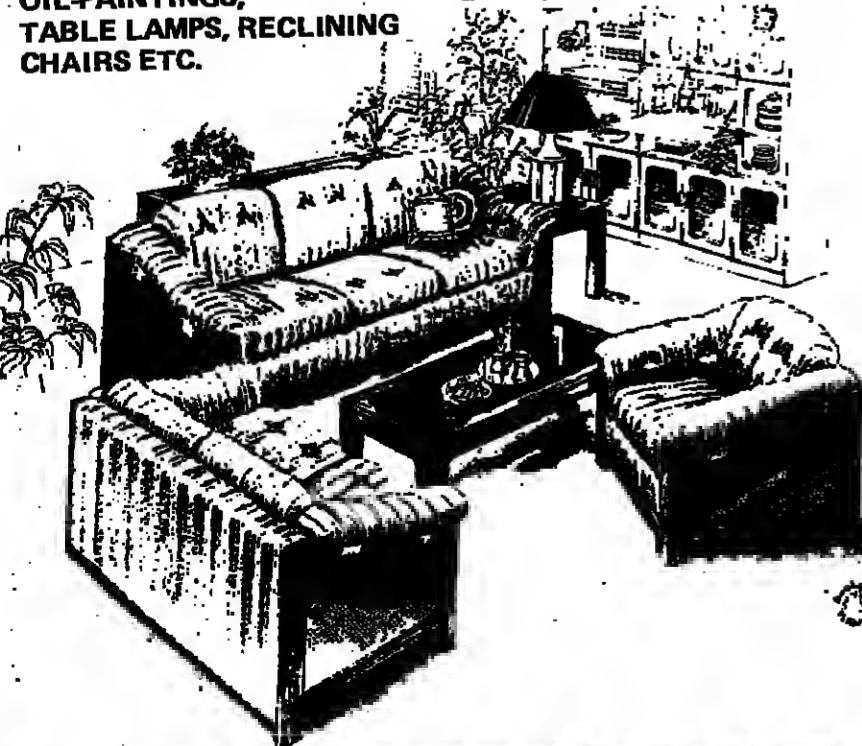
New York, the biggest loser in the population sweepstakes, faces the loss of five congressional seats, giving that state 34 house members for its 17,552,288 residents.

Losing two seats each will be Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Iodiosa, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey and South Dakota will each lose one seat.

The census bureau faces court challenges in 13 states. The challenges arise not only because the figures affect congressional apportionment, but also because they determine the amount of federal aid granted to states and cities. State and local officials have complained that many of their minority citizens were not counted. Moreover, the new figures will weigh heavily in presidential politics in 1984, as states which show, such as California and Florida, will be courted ardently for their big electoral votes. Each state gets an electoral vote for each congressman and senator.

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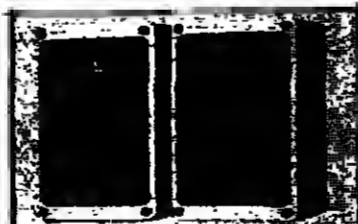
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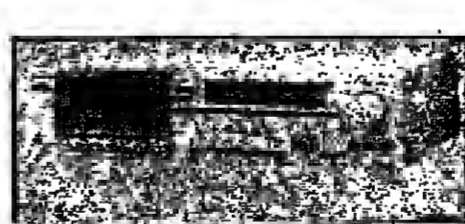
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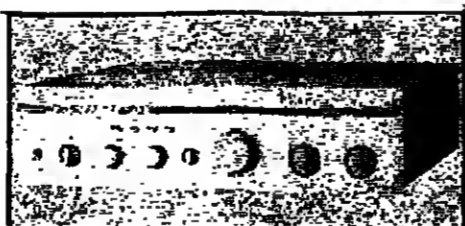
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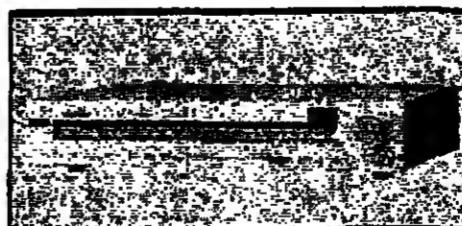
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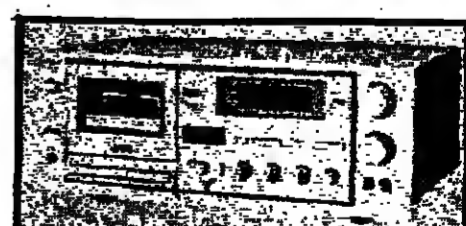
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U.S. plans package to revive economy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (R) — The incoming U.S. administration is moving "full speed ahead" with plans for a comprehensive package to revive the troubled U.S. economy, a top Reagan aide has said. James Baker, White House chief of staff for president-elect Ronald Reagan, Sunday said he expected the package to be ready in early or February. "The president-elect has been doing anything but backing away from his economic promises... he is prepared to proceed full speed ahead on all the elements of the package," he said in a television interview.

Baker stressed that Reagan was firmly committed to a 30 per cent tax cut over three years, spending cuts, and a regularly reform.

"The administration's priorities are set by the needs of the nation and this president will inherit the worst economic mess in 50 years. The situation has deteriorated drastically in the past six months," he said.

But Senate Finance Committee Chairman

Ghana gold reserves over 2b ounces

ACCRA, Jan. 12 (AFP) — The West African Republic of Ghana still lives up to its colonial-era name of "Gold Coast" according to speeches made at an international seminar on gold which just ended here.

Delegates learned that Ghana's potential gold reserves were more than 2 billion ounces, and that if 12 new mines were exploited — compared to four at present — then the country could produce about 80 tons

of gold for the next seven centuries.

Some extraordinary claims were made about Ghana's gold possibilities. G. O. Kesse, director of the Ghanaian Geological Survey, told delegates that Ghanaian gold veins, situated in the south-west of the country, were more easily accessible and of better quality than South African gold. (South African mines are the deepest in the world).

Robert Dole said it was too early to assume Reagan would push for the full 30 per cent tax cut in three years.

The cut could be spread over four or five years, Senator Dole said in a separate television interview.

"In order to get a handle on the economy, congress will have to look hard at reducing the fiscal 1981 budget between \$12 and 15 billion," he said.

Dole said programs such as farm subsidies, social security and medical coverage represented about 57 per cent of government spending and would need to be examined carefully.

"I would like to see a comprehensive package, including tax reductions, come to congress by mid-February, although it might come before then," he said.

Senate majority leader Howard Baker, declaring that the economy was near the point of no return, agreed there should be a comprehensive economic package that included tax cuts.

Iraq reportedly hikes prices of oil by \$4

BAHRAIN, Jan. 12 (R) — Iraq has joined Kuwait and Qatar in raising its oil price by \$4 a barrel, the authoritative Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported Monday.

The Ničija-based publication said Iraq had increased the price of its Kirkuk blend oil at the Mediterranean terminal of Ceyhan in Turkey to \$37.29 a barrel. Iraqi exports from the Gulf have been halted by the war with Iran, but oil has reached Ceyhan by pipeline.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) another major Gulf producer, has still not set its new prices, but a UAE oil ministry spokesman said an announcement was imminent.

Kuwait and Qatar boosted their prices last week by the maximum \$4 allowed under a formula agreed by OPEC oil ministers in Bali, Indonesia, Dec. 16. All the increases were backdated to January 1.

MEES said, however, that Kuwait and Qatar were charging large premiums above the official selling price on some oil. Kuwaiti premiums on sales to new customers or extra sales to established customers have ranged from 5 to 37.

Qatar obtained a premium of \$6.50 a barrel on its 1980-E1 sales to Japanese customers. MEES said this put the effective price well over \$40 a barrel.

Defense spending reflects on Britain's role in NATO

By Leonard Downie Jr.

LONDON, Jan. 12 (WP) — Critical decisions on defense spending and policy that could significantly affect Britain's role in the NATO alliance face Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's new defense secretary, John Nott, who brings with him a reputation as a strong believer in budget-cutting.

In a growing debate here over defense priorities, some defense experts, politicians and commentators are questioning whether Britain can continue to maintain so many

Iraqi, Indian aides discuss oil, ties

BAGHDAD, Jan. 12 (AFP) — Iraqi Oil Minister Tayeh Abdel Karim met with Indian Deputy Foreign Minister Ramesh Bhandari, the Iraqi News Agency reported. The two officials Saturday discussed oil and other bilateral issues, the agency said.



ADVERTISING TIE-UP: The top world advertising agency, Leo Burnett, is entering the Mideast through a partnership with H&C. Picture shows left to right: Cherif Tabet (Targets), Charles Hony (H&C), Muhammad El Khoreji (Targets), Farid Chehab (H&C) and Jean Mobarak (H&C).

Leo Burnett joins firm to boost Mideast advertising

BEIRUT, Jan. 12 — Leo Burnett, a major international advertising agency with more than 40 offices in the world, is entering the Middle East through a partnership with H&C one of the youngest and most dynamic advertising agencies in the market.

Two basic reasons for such a move are: First, participation in the growth of Middle Eastern Advertising. Second, better serving its international clients in a geographical area whose growing importance requires a higher level of professionalism than ever before.

Robert Barocci, regional managing direc-

tor Leo Burnett Europe-Canada says: "We have chosen H & C as our Middle East partners because they are an outstanding group of advertising professionals providing service to their clients consistent with the highest of Leo Burnett standards found around the world."

H&C is happy with this joint-venture as they found with Leo Burnett an identical philosophy to their own in serving clients.

Both partners agree this joint-venture has all the ingredients to make it a happy marriage which will bring great benefit to all clients ultimately served by this new partnership.

The new operation will provide service throughout the Middle East. Initially, with three offices located in Lebanon (H&C), Saudi Arabia (Targets) and Egypt (a new operation).

Sweden declares record deficit in 1981 budget

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 12 (R) — The Swedish government Monday announced a record deficit in next year's draft budget, with almost 30 per cent of public spending financed by borrowing.

An economic policy statement by the center-right coalition government said Sweden's problems were a growing payments imbalance caused by rising oil prices and public spending that was outstripping national assets.

The deficit for the financial year starting next July 1 will be \$15.5 billion after expenditure of \$51.9 billion. The deficit for the present budget year is estimated at \$12.7 billion.

To help make up the shortfall, Sweden expects to borrow \$4.8 to 5.7 billion abroad in the coming year, compared with \$4.8 billion this year.

Economics Minister Goesta Bohman said both private and public consumption must be dampened in coming years to restore balance to the economy.

Public spending is to rise by 6.2 per cent in the 1981 budget. Spending on index-linked national pensions and health insurance rises 9.2 per cent to \$9.3 billion.

Defense expenditure goes up five per cent to \$4.4 billion.

Budget Minister Role Wirten said there would have to be further measures in March to restrain government spending, probably with cuts in the region of three-to four million.

Last autumn, the government announced spending cuts of \$1.45 billion, raised taxes on energy, alcohol, and tobacco and increased the value-added sales tax from 20.63 to 23.46 per cent, Europe's highest.

The budget must be approved by the Riksdag (parliament), where the government has a one-seat majority.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

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Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Temporary asphaltting in Khaibar	11/M	300	Jan. 27
Ministry of P.T.T.	Supply of official outfit and sports uniform for the students of the Training Institute, Riyadh	23/400/401	100	Jan. 25
Ministry of Communications	Cleaning of the ministry premises in Riyadh	—	50	Feb. 7
Ministry of Education	Construction of primary school buildings, model (2) comprising 18 classrooms, in different regions	21/M	3000	Feb. 21
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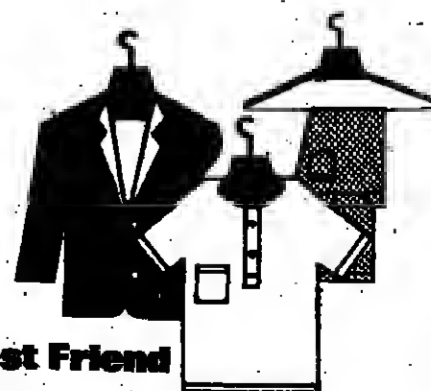
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In Champions' Trophy

Splendid rally by Spain

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

KARACHI, Jan. 12 — An unlucky England lost to Spain 2-1 in the Champions' Trophy Hockey Tournament here Monday after dominating the proceedings till the middle of the second half.

In the only event of the day, England shot into the lead in the fourth minute when inside-right Bhaura connected a cross from Brookman, a classic goal yet to be seen in this tournament. England forwards, Brookman, Khar and Christopher Rule tore the Spanish defence a number of times but wasted scoring opportunities. In 16th minute Bhaura failed to double the lead when a pass by Christ-

opher hit his ankle before it could be cotted.

The Spaniards managed the equalizer of a penalty-corner 17 minutes after the breather. English custodian Ian Taylor who had earlier padded Spanish attempts was beaten by full-back Cogben. Two minutes later Spain took the lead when Cogben struck again.

Spaniards who shout awfully during the play, a habit that makes umpiring difficult, failed to break through the solid British defence. Seconds before the final whistle an attempt by Brookman was confidently stopped by Spanish goal keeper.

Sunday's encounters appear to have already decided the fate of the trophy. Holland, who lost 2-3 Buenos Aires surprised the

world champions. The defeat, second ever on home ground, has spoilt the champions' five-year record in which they claimed seven international titles and won 39 matches in a series.

The Dutch, who occasionally seat their forwards on a goal-hunt with long scoops, took the lead in the 15th minute and then did well to maintain it for almost 55 minutes, a task that need both determination and strategy.

Pakistan plays Australia and West Germany play the Netherlands on Tuesday. A win over West Germany would give the Netherlands the title. If they lose and Pakistan defeat Australia, however, a play-off would be necessary.



JOHN McENROE: his serves did the trick

McEnroe claims crown

CHICAGO, JAN. 12 (AP) — John McEnroe continued his winning run against fellow American Jimmy Connors with an impressive 6-2, 6-4, 6-1 win in the final of the \$350,000 Invitation Tennis Tournament here Sunday night.

McEnroe, the U.S. Open champion took control from the first set, beating the 28-year-old Connors at the back of the court with confident serves and volley tactics.

The world number two, who beat Connors in the semi-finals of both the Wimbledon and U.S. Opens last year later said he had played better than ever before. Connors said he was never at his best this early in the year as he hoped to build his form progressively.

In London, Australians Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee became world men's doubles champions here Sunday when they defeated Americans Victor Amaya and Hank Pfister 6-3, 2-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 in final. The reigning Wimbledon champions, who had lost to Amaya and Pfister in the round-robin section pocketed \$80,000. The reigning

French Open champions, both of whom are cover six feet six inches tall, won \$40,000.

In Vienna holders Czechoslovakia were beaten 2-1 by Austria when they started their defence of the King's Tennis Cup. The European men's indoor team championship. West Germany, Sweden and Britain won the other first division matches.

Czechoslovakia lost despite having Davis Cup hero Tomas Smid available after his elimination from the world doubles championship in London. Smid, who helped Czechoslovakia to their Davis Cup final victory over Italy in Prague last month, won his singles 6-4, 6-3 against Peter Feil. But in the deciding doubles he and Pavel Lozil were overruled 6-1, 6-4 Hans Kary and Bernhard Pils.

Hada lucky to snatch point

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — Strong winds badly affected play as Saudi Soccer League resumed action Sunday night with the long awaited clash between Al Hada and N.J.I.A. (1), both vying for top honors in the second Division. The 1-1 result was flattering to Al Hada, but N.J.I.A. paid the price of poor finishing as they failed to capitalize on several second half opportunities.

Hada played the first 20 minutes with only eight men, fortunately winning the toss and playing with the strong wind which was blowing directly down the pitch. Each team proved superior when playing with the wind but whilst Hada vainly pumped long balls down the center hoping for a lucky bounce, N.J.I.A. produced more controlled build-ups, creating some clear scoring chances. Fortunately for Hada, luck was with goalkeeper Ian Dixon, whose sbaky performance brought comments from a few of his team players.

Strangely, both teams scored when playing against the wind, N.J.I.A. went ahead after 35 minutes when a thunderous 30-yard shot from Alan Daniels caught Dixon off his line, the ball creeping under the crossbar. Hada equalized 32 minutes into the second half. A through ball put Steve Searle clear and keeper Charlie Adrian had no chance of saving.

First Division action Wednesday night sees

unbeaten Whittaker clash with Hocktief, who produced a surprise 1-0 win over Saudia last month. However, Whittaker's skillful play should prove too effective for the aggressive Germans. On the same night last year's champions Dallah Avco take on Lockheed, whose form has steadily improved this season. Saturday night saw the draw for this year's Lufthansa Cup, the League's main knock-out competition, starting on April 12.

Last year's winners Whittaker move straight to the second round on a bye but then meet Dallah Avco, also through on a bye. This should be the second round highlight, and is scheduled for April 15.

In first round action Hocktief meet Bin Laden J.&P. who, although playing in the Third Division, were unlucky to lose to Al Hada in the first round of the League Cup, and recently were runners-up in the B.R.C. five-a-side tournament. Hocktief will be forced to play their best football if they want to move to the second round.

Al Hada meet A.S.T., another Third Division side who have produced good performances against a First Division side. They were unlucky to lose on penalties to Hocktief in the League Cup after forcing a 3-3 draw. However, Hada should prove too strong. Saudia take on N.J.I.A. (2), who look strangely familiar to N.J.I.A. (1). A.D.S. meet Whittaker Villa and L.A.L. dash with Toyota, who replace the expelled Sogex.

Action to begin from Jan. 17

Al-Khobar tennis to have new format

By Geoff Gardner
Al-Khobar Bureau

DHAHRAN — Jan. 12 — Saudi Arabia's largest tennis event, the 1981 Al-Khobar Invitational Tennis Tournament, begins, Jan. 17. Action will start in the early three-month affair with men's singles. In all, 32 flights with around 650 players, many entered in more than one event, will compete in men's and women's singles, and men's and women's doubles. Many of last year's winners and finalists appear as this year's top seeds.

In men's singles, 180-players grouped into ten flights will vie for trophies and awards. Finals are slated for Jan. 23. Top seed in Flight One is Abu Bakr, who bested Henry Thompson 6-1, 6-4 in last year's final. Thompson is the 1981 second seed entrants rank in levels of ability from former national collegiate ranked players in Flight One to those who have recently taken up the game, in the lower flights.

In women's singles, Flight One top seed Diane Jackson will try keep the title she won handily in last year's final. Second seed is Wendy Jones. Action is scheduled for Jan. 24-30.

Women's doubles follow Feb. 12-13. Cynthia Copeland and June Brandie, are top seeds with Jackson and Jones in the second slot. Copeland and Brandie took the title with a dramatic 6-7, 7-6, 7-5 win over Jackson and Jones in 1980. Men's doubles are set for Mar. 21-27. Top-seeded are Harold Bomberg and newcomer Ben Borth, who expect their toughest competition from the number two team of Ty Fine and Tor Wold. Entries were limited to Eastern Province residents. Arabians can play in the singles only if invited to play doubles with an eligible player. Although there are fewer players than last year when the tournament was open to all Eastern Province players, Tournament Director Ted Copeland doesn't expect much change in the competition.

"I don't think the quality of play will suffer," he said. "The best players (of Aramco) have been invited. The women's doubles will have a smaller draw, but that's all. The idea was to provide an open tournament for those who cannot play in Aramco tournaments, and had to limit entries this year because of court space. We did it with an early deadline and leaving it open to Aramco by invitation only."

The first open tournament was played several years ago on a single court at the American Consulate. The purpose was the same as

it is now — to allow non-Aramco a chance to play tournament tennis. The draw that year was 24 players.

It's indicative of a Saudi Arabian tennis boom that the Al-Khobar Tennis Tournament has grown to its present size. And it is a compliment to the organizers that players are placed into as many as ten flights in the men's singles. This grouping allows players to compete against others of their own ability, and most would agree that a chance at a trophy in a lower flight is preferable to losing badly in the First Flight.

Yet with growth the process of organizing the tournament has become more complex. Enormous amounts of time are needed to draw up schedules, seed players, duplicate and distribute materials, select and purchase prizes (which are paid for by entry fees and sponsors' donations), and the myriad other details that go into tournament organization.

Copeland expects that the tournament will be farmed out to other companies in the future. Since tennis has become a favorite and widespread sport here, especially among expatriates, companies often have their own court complexes. Almost all have a recreation center.

Another change this year is that players

will have to furnish their own balls, not primarily because of the cost involved, but because the logistics of importing some 450 cans of balls into the country on time is too difficult, Copeland said. Arid, because of cost cutbacks elaborate prizes such as last year's round trip airline tickets will not be offered by sponsors players will compete for the prestige and prizes including silver trays, trophies, and other awards.



NET PLAY: Abu Bakr the top seed in the men's singles

Eagles gets past Cowboys

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12 (AP) — Wilbert Montgomery, reportedly hobbled by a sore knee, ran for 194 yards and scored one touchdown Sunday as the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Dallas Cowboys 20-7 in the National Football Conference Championship and advance to the Super Bowl.

The Eagles will meet the winner of the San Diego-Oakland American Football Conference title game in the National Football League's Super Bowl xv at New Orleans Jan. 25.

Montgomery, whose 42-yard touchdown run gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead just 2:11 into the game, became the first player to gain 100 yards or more against Dallas in 29 Cowboys' playoff games. Montgomery wound up 2 yards shy of the NFL play-off ground-gaining record of 196 yards set by the Eagles' Steve Van Buren in 1949 against the Los Angeles Rams.

Dallas tied the score in the second quarter on a 3-yard run by Tony Dorsett, but the Eagles went ahead to stay with 7:42 left in the third quarter on Tony Franklin's 26-yard

field goal. Philadelphia wrapped it up — and entered its first NFL Championship game since beating the Green Bay Packers 20 years ago — on a 9-yard scoring burst by fullback Leroy Harris with 1:47 to go in the third quarter.

Sharma is top scorer

CANBERRA, Jan. 12 (AP) — The Indian tourists gained some valuable batting which boosted their confidence as they scored 302 for six declared on the opening day of the two-day game against the Australian Capital Territory at Manuka Oval, Canberra Monday.

Top-scorer was Yashpal Sharma who spent 174 minutes at the crease and hit six fours in a patient knock of 74, that began when he went to the crease with his side at one for eleven.

Later Kapil, (68), and Kirli, (56), provided the brightest cricket of the day with a stand of 90 in 79 minutes of which Kapil hit 68. The powerful all-rounder hit savagely at anything loose and scored 11 fours.

Fazal strikes deady

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — JCC moved up three places in the Ali Reza Cricket League, last weekend, with a comfortable three-wicket win over the Indian Embassy. Seam-bowler Fazal returned the incredible figures of 6 for 19 as the Indians altered on a rain affected wicket, losing their first three batsmen for only 14 runs.

The decision to bat first on the moist pitch was quickly proved wrong as the early wickets crashed, but a fourth-wicket stand of 62 by Ushaq and Rehmat restored some pride to the Indian team, who eventually scored 101. JCC also lost their openers cheaply, but Fazal (31) and Dildar (23) steered them to an easy victory.

SAPL lot. beat Hocktief by 21 runs, and held on to fifth place in the league table. SAPL returned 147 for 7, Yousef scoring a valuable 49 which included 8 boundaries. Gulraiz took 3 wickets for 60 runs.

Pak Saudi increased their lead at the top of the league to eight points with a walkover against Honda, who lie second from bottom with 00 points while Shalimar, lying third, also had a w.o. against Pak Jeddah.



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NORTH

- ♠ A10
- ♥ A984
- ♦ AQJ10763

WEST

- ♠ 97542
- ♥ KQJ85
- ♦ J7
- ♣ 4

EAST

- ♠ QJ1083
- ♥ 9632
- ♦ Q108
- ♣ 5

SOUTH

- ♠ AK6
- ♥ 74
- ♦ K532
- ♣ K82

The bidding:

East South West North
Pass 1♠ Pass 7♣
Opening lead—king of hearts.

North's seven club bid was very risky and hardly scientific, but the final contract is surely acceptable. The only real problem is how to play the hand.

It would be easy for anyone accustomed to playing hastily to wind up going down one. Declarer might win the opening heart lead in dummy with the ace, play a low trump to the nine, and then cash the A-K of spades, discarding a heart and a diamond from dummy. But, having done this, South would sooner or later lose a diamond trick and thus fail in his mission.

It is much more realistic to rely on an altogether different line of play—the 68 percent probability that the diamonds are divided 3-2. This method of play offers a far better chance to make the grand slam than any other method, and it is therefore the right way to play the hand.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Partnerships may be testing in some way. Downplay ego in dealing with higher-ups. The p.m. will bring career and money benefits.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Watch hassles with co-workers and use good judgment in career matters. Benefits accrue through romance, travel and distant interests.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You may encounter some jealousy now. Social life may prove disturbing. Avoid rationalizations. Privacy abets romantic interests.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)
Intuition aids you in career matters, but avoid mixing business with pleasure. Social life and romance blossom late in the evening.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)
Avoid ideological disputes. Be careful when traveling. Mixing business with pleasure brings you p.m. benefits. Romance also likely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Negotiations may break down with regard to financial interests. Use good judgment

at work. The p.m. brings a romantic interlude. Travel favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Try not to irritate a close friend during the a.m. Later, you'll have a wonderful time together. Entertaining at home is favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Job pressures mount at present. Watch nerves. In dealing with close ties, stress love and affection. Avoid small disputes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Money issues could conflict with romantic interests, though the p.m. brings favorable financial opportunity. Children may be unruly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Domestic pressures mount. Going out for the evening will prove a welcome respite. Romance and good times are likely then.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Not a favorable time for signing papers. Judgment may be faulty in career and domestic interests. Romantic interests favored in p.m. hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Career interests are favored, but avoid money disputes with friends. Local visits should gladden your heart. Romance is likely.

Rays—Believe It or Not!

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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- "Blowout"
- Bare-faced, in a way
- podrida
- Harangue
- Wang Lung's wife
- Satirical
- Rested
- Eggs
- Give
- whirl
- Premise
- Author, — Yutang
- Civil War org.
- Smudge
- Pickle
- flavoring
- Bank transaction
- Cold
- Alpine wind
- Sticky substance
- Timorese coin
- Tampico tavern
- Elec. unit
- Outfit
- Carplike fish
- Impertinent
- Diane or Alan
- Holdings
- Brink
- Looked askance

DOWN

- Helping hand
- Muslim's deity
- Dark gray
- Chinese dynasty
- Small
- Dutch coin
- College in Ohio
- Nigerian tribesman
- Ice cream choice
- Bulldog or late fish
- Pour
- Spoken points
- Gape
- Footwear
- Different
- Quarantine
- Louisiana senator
- Cyprinoid
- Picked up
- Greek island
- Sultan's decree
- Elbow
- Snake
- Persian measure
- Showed the way

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: **AXYDLBAXR** is **LONG FELLOW**

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

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MCHW. HRT H XGA IGBC-
OFZRU FC KHR CHO.—CT FGMC

Yesterday's Cryptquote: **WHEN YOU'RE DOWN AND OUT, SOMETHING ALWAYS TURNS UP—AND IT'S USUALLY THE NOSES OF YOUR FRIENDS.**—ORSON WELLES

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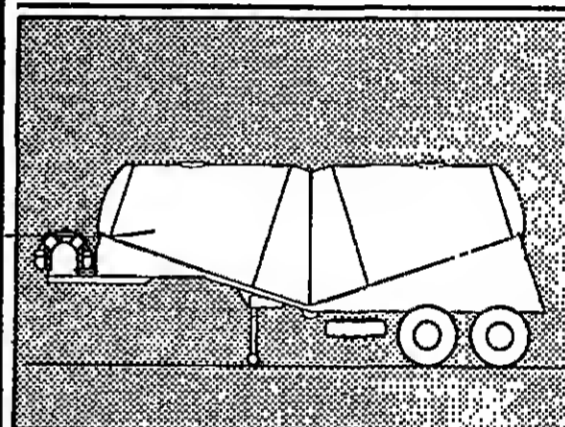
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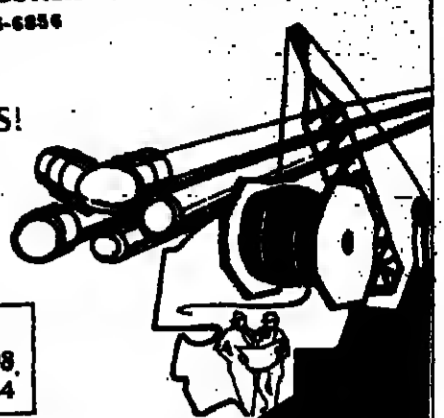
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Iran says all roads open to settling hostage issue

TEHRAN, Jan. 12 (Agencies) — The speaker of Iran's parliament said Monday that "all roads" are open to settling the hostage problem and that he expected approval of two emergency bills aimed at solving the crisis by Friday, four days before the inauguration of Ronald Reagan, who has warned he will conduct talks with a "clean slate."

"There is nothing important in these bills that would necessitate a no vote. However, it depends on the discussion in the Majlis Tuesday," the speaker, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, told a news conference here.

Asked whether approval of the bills would lead to the release of the hostages by Friday, he said, "I can't predict when the hostages will be released, but we have opened all roads for settling the hostage problem. They will be released if our rights are met."

Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali

Rajai also hinted of a hostage release, saying in a state radio broadcast: "According to available information, the issue is making progress. We are trying to approach it logically and doing our best to maintain the main line in our relations with American imperialism."

Ahmad Azizi, a top negotiator in the crisis, said that the Iranian government had accepted the "commitment" offered by the United States for the release of the hostages.

"We have accepted the commitment the U.S. has made to the Algerian intermediaries", Azizi told a Western reporter here.

The two emergency bills were introduced Monday by Iran's top hostage negotiator, Behzad Nabavi, who said in presenting the legislation, "if we do not reach a result by Jan. 16, it is not clear how the negotiations will continue with the new incoming administration."

U.S. President Carter has set Jan. 16 as the deadline by which a hostage agreement must be reached if the terms were to be put into effect before Reagan is inaugurated Jan. 20.

Reagan said Sunday he will start on the hostage talks with a clean slate if Carter fails to get an agreement. "I still hope and pray the president will succeed in what he has been trying to do. If not, then we have to start with a clean slate," Reagan said.

Meanwhile, the Iranian parliament went into secret session Monday to consider the two emergency bills.

The Executive Affairs Minister and government spokesman, Behzad Nabavi, presented the bills, which appeared to seek urgent parliamentary approval for the government to reach an agreement with the U.S. over the hostages.

One bill called for approval of arbitration acceptable to both Iran and the U.S. to solve their legal and financial differences.

The other proposed the nationalization of the wealth of the late Shah and his relatives, apparently to make it easier for Iran to get the money from the U.S. or other countries through the courts.

The bills, even if approved, did not seem to take the difficult hostage negotiations much further in themselves. But they would give the Tehran government clearance to finalize any deal with the U.S. resulting from the intensive negotiations between Tehran and Washington, through Algerian intermediaries, in recent days.

The urgency of the bills, stressed by Nabavi in his speech to parliament, reflected the increased tempo of the hostage bargaining as both sides try to reach a settlement before President Carter leaves office on Jan. 20.

Nabavi said debate on the bills would continue Tuesday, indicating there would be no vote until then.

He said both bills had been approved by the cabinet five days ago and signed by Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai.

The official Pars News Agency reported that Tuesday's Majlis session to discuss the bills would be an open one. The parliament accepted the urgency of the bills despite some opposition.

In Washington, a State Department official said the U.S. government was following the Majlis debate with interest, but declined further comment.

Iran troops claim routing two Iraqi battalions

TEHRAN, Jan. 12 (R) — Iranian forces have routed two Iraqi battalions and captured 412 men in recent fighting on the western front, the official Pars News Agency said Monday.

It said a large amount of Iraqi equipment was destroyed in fighting over the past four days, but did not specify the battle site.

The official agency said fierce battles were raging in the western areas of Mehran, Zahab, Sumar and the Kunjan Chum Heights.

Iranian troops drove back Iraqi forces from a border height in Ilam province and hoisted the Iranian flag, it added. It quoted the governor of Ilam province as saying the Iranian forces had recaptured two outposts, at Helanch and Neikhazar, inflicting heavy casualties.

Further south, Iraqi forces shelled residential areas of the oil town of Abadan, Pars reported.

It said an Iraqi MiG fighter was shot down Saturday night on the western front. The fate of its pilot was not known.

The agency said Iranian naval forces were in action over the past two days near Faw, where the Shatt-al-Arab waterway meets the Gulf, and destroyed two large oil storage tanks and some Iraqi oil pipelines.

The official agency said armed insurgents, apparently a reference to Kurdish rebels, were fighting alongside Iraqi forces in west Iran.

Pars said Iranian troops had killed many "armed mercenaries" and some Iraqi soldiers while taking control of strategic hills near Marivan in Iran's Kurdistan province. Kurdish rebel are seeking autonomy in their area within Iran.

Tehran Radio quoted Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai as saying on an Arabic service program Monday, "We have achieved glorious victories. We have got back major parts of our lands occupied by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Rajai was quoted as saying Iran would continue the war until "final victory" was achieved.

Meanwhile, Iraq claimed its forces had killed another 461 Iranians in the war and that clashes were continuing.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoting a high command communique on operations in the last 24 hours, said the Iranians had been forced to retreat in certain areas. The command said 34 Iraqis had been killed.

British MPs deny support for Karmal

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AFP) — A British Labour member of Parliament Sunday night strongly denied a Radio Kabul report that either he or two of his colleagues had expressed support for the Babrak Karmal regime in Afghanistan during a controversial five-day tour of the country by the three MPs.

Ron Brown was speaking after he and fellow Labour MPs Alan Roberts and Robert Litherland returned here from the visit. Brown also denied that they had spoken at a meeting in Afghanistan, as reported by Kabul radio, and had refused to answer questions from European journalists in Afghanistan.

Conservative MPs had attacked the visit, charging that it gave credibility to the "puppet" regime in Kabul and to the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan. BBC Television screened a film Sunday night which showed buses plying normally along the main road between Kabul and Jalalabad near the Pakistan frontier.

Iran may consider European arms offer

TEHRAN, Jan. 12 (AFP) — Iran is ready to consider buying arms from Europe and must have weapons "capable of responding to blows from the U.S.," a leader of the governing Islamic Republic Party said. In an interview, Jafar Jafari said that if necessary Iran would try to buy arms from any country possible.

He denied an invention of "liberals and reactionaries" reports that Iran would buy weapons from the Soviet Union.

Farsi, considered one of the leading theoreticians of the party which has a majority in the Iranian parliament, said that Tehran must be ready to protect the country's sovereignty while guarding against arms sales contracts that limit the weapons' use. Iran is capable of producing a sufficient number of arms to be able to destroy American and western warships and oil-tanker fleets," he said.

But if necessary, Tehran was ready to renounce one of its principles and look to European countries for further arms, Farsi said. Iran could also obtain arms from allied Muslim nations, he said. "In this case, the American fleet would be forced to back up from present positions," Farsi said.

Radiation causes scientist's death

PARIS, Jan. 12 (AFP) — Renee Breugnot, a research scientist at the French Atomic Energy Commission, died here Thursday from Leukemia caused directly by her work, according to her family. It said Monday that the death certificate stipulated that she died of a "professional illness". Leukemia, sometimes known as blood cancer, can be caused by nuclear radiation. Many initial survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bombs died of this.

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Five firemen were injured when a fifth tank exploded Sunday but Esso officials did not say how critically they were hurt. Company officials said the U.S. had sent two fire-fighting experts to help Jamaica extinguish the fire.

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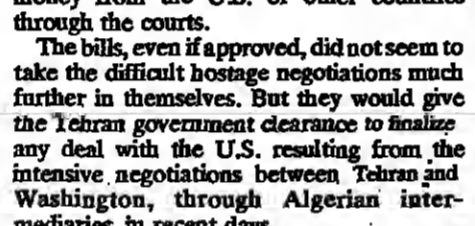
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The local provincial governor had urged the protesters representing workers at most enterprises in the area, to lift the sit-in, arguing it would not help the process of political, economic and social renewal, PAP said.

For several days there have been sit-ins in Southeast Poland to support the demand for the establishment of a Solidarity-linked trade union for private farmers. The Solidarity branch at Przemysl said it would stage a one-hour strike affecting all enterprises in the region Tuesday unless the government resumed talks with the protesters by 1900 GMT Monday.

Meanwhile, union leader Lech Walesa will travel to Italy Tuesday as planned where he is due to meet with Pope John Paul II, spokesman at the Solidarity union headquarters in Gdansk confirmed Monday. The decision was announced following a meeting of Union officials at the Baltic port city.

Walesa left Gdansk for the capital Moscow and will travel to Rome tomorrow morning on what will be his first visit outside the country. He will head a delegation of 14 people. Several meetings are planned with the Confederation of Italian Unions.

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